

Abraham Ganges

Husband:	Abraham Ganges ¹⁻²
Person ID:	GPIDS0800
Race:	Black
Sex:	Male ¹⁻²
Birth:	1791 in likely Africa; 12 year indenture term suggests this YOB for males ¹⁻²
Marriage:	no record located giving spouse's name or other marriage information
Death:	Aft. 1805 ; no death record identified, but living in Feb 1806 as per Robert Sutcliffe's Travels in North America. ³
Burial:	no burial record identified
Arrival:	06 Aug 1800 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA; aboard the Schooner Prudent, Quarantine Station (The Old Lazaretto), Fort Mifflin ^{1-2, 4}
Indenture:	09 Sep 1800 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA; 12 year term, as farmer to Philip Price Jr, farmer, Chester County. ¹⁻²
Occupation:	1800 in East Bradford, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA; Farming ¹
Residence:	Bet. 06 Aug-05 Sep 1800 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA; between arrival and indenture ¹⁻²
Residence:	09 Sep 1800 in East Bradford, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA; Philip Price Jr. is described in the indenture as of "Chester County"; only Philip Price in Chester County in 1800 census resided in East Bradford Twp. ^{1, 5}
Residence:	23 Feb 1806 in East Bradford, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA; See notes for full citation text. ³
Religion:	no church records identified
Land/Property:	no land or property records identified
Military Service:	no military service identified
Estate:	no estate, probate or will records identified
Sources For Notes:	Sutcliffe describes likely Firt Ganges, probably Abraham. ³
Father:	
Mother:	
Spouse:	
Father:	
Mother:	

Children:

Notes:

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It is unusual to find contemporaneous accounts of the First Ganges that bring their lives out of the shadows. An exception is found in Robert Sutcliffe's *Travels in some parts of North America , in the years 1804, 1805, & 1806*. Sutcliffe, an English Quaker, spent considerable time at the turn of the 19th century, including visit to Quaker meetings throughout the country, including an extended stay in Chester County in February, 1806. This entry, dated the 2d Month [February], 23rd, almost certainly describes Abraham Ganges. The circumstances of his capture match those of the Ganges and while he isn't named directly, he would have been about 15 in 1806 and his master's initials, "P.P." match only one of the Ganges' masters residing in Chester County, Philip Price Jr..

This night I lodged at P. P.'s. Here also I met with a smart little Negro boy, who had been stolen from his parents in Africa, and was placed in this family by the Abolition Society. He had the character of being a boy of a bright capacity; and although not very communicative to his master and mistress, he was open and free with the children of the family, and would often, by the fireside in the winter evenings, recite to them the mournful story of his being made captive; with many shocking circumstances that attended his transportation in the slave ship; from which he was liberated by an American ship of war.

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Sources:

- 1 Indenture from Abraham Ganges to Philip Price Jr., Box 2 Folder 14. Indenture term is for 12 years, suggests a date of birth of 1791. All indentures for Ganges males were for 4 years or to age 21, whichever came first. Skills to be taught: farming and six quarters day schooling.; "Papers, Series IV. Manumissions, indentures, and other legal papers", Pennsylvania Abolition Society, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Sources: (cont.)

- 2 Indenture book D 1795-1835 , AmS .061, folio 47R. Abraham Ganges indentured to Philip Price Jr., 09 Sep 1800 for a term of 12 years.; "Papers, Series IV. Manumissions, indentures, and other legal papers", Pennsylvania Abolition Society, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
- 3 Travels in some parts of North America , in the years 1804, 1805, & 1806, Robert Sutcliffe (1811), p 213; digital scan, *Internet Archive* (<https://archive.org/>).
- 4 8 Aug 1800, issue 7376, page 3 , accessed 8 July 2019, *Claypoole's American Daily Advertiser*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, online images (<https://www.genealogybank.com/>).
- 5 1800 U.S. census, population schedule, Pennsylvania, Chester, East Bradford Twp., p. 806, line 3, entry for Philip Price; accessed 6 Feb 2020; NARA microfilm publication M32, roll 36; digital image, *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org).

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